

THE SUNKEN CITY.

Among the commercial sea-towns of Holland, six centuries ago, Stavoren held the first place. The ships of its merchants covered the sea and imported the products of all zones.

Such unexampled good fortune Richberta could not support with indifference, and if the maxim that "great misfortunes are easier to be borne than unexampled happiness" be true, Richberta was destined to be a victim of the truth of this assertion.

Her pride and vanity kept step with the increase of her riches, and she showed this both by contempt for her fellow-citizens and by her ostentatious and extravagant tastes, less with the intention of amusing and gladdening the town than to give her guests the opportunity to admire her ever changing splendor.

The flattered mistress beamed the stranger to take a seat by her side. He appeared to be still a dignified and well-picturesque countenance. The Orient. His conduct was both refined and noble as he stepped to Richberta, expecting the welcome from her hand which according to the usage of his country, it was, that she should have offered him.

In vain did she attempt to obtain a fuller explanation of the strange guest, and being questioned too presently, he drew forth a card which she recognized as that of the Count de St. Jacques.

Richberta's pride and curiosity, equally excited, allowed her no quietude. She possessed in valuable all that could be mentioned; however, the "best and most" she could say was that she had never seen him before.

What he meant the commander saw quickly while he must consider the best thing which the earth produced—iron. It is not the depth of the sea, nor diamonds of most precious value; but that universally thriving gift of nature, the indispensable and nutritious element of iron.

But Richberta was not of the same opinion. She cast reproachful looks at the confounded commander, and painfully repressing her rage, demanded to know what was the name of the ships he had taken in the cargo.

She was answered: "On the right side." "Well, then," said the haughty Richberta, "I command you to cast the whole charge into the sea from the left."

What do you do when you have a cold? "Waked a man of Stimpkins." "Cough," was the sententious reply.

AGRICULTURE.

AN EXPERIMENT IN SOAP-MAKING.—For a barrel of cold-made soap, take 12 pounds of lard, four pounds of grease and thirty-two gallons of soft water.

Keep an old blanket and sheet on purpose for ironing, have plenty of holders always made that your towels may not be burned in it.

Keep a heavy stone on your pork to keep it from getting too hot in the summer. It is an excellent place to keep fresh meat when you are afraid of its spoiling.

Have all the good bits of vegetables and meats collected after dinner and mixed before they are set away, that they may be in readiness to make a little savory mince meat for supper or breakfast.

Never leave your clothes line over night, and that your clothespins are all gathered into a basket.

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DELICIOUS CAKE.—Two cups of white sugar, one cup of butter, one cup of milk, three eggs, half teaspoonful of soda, one teaspoonful of cream tartar, three cups of flour, one level teaspoonful of salt.

TO TAKE MARKS OF VARNISHED FURNITURE.—Mix a quantity of common alcohol camphor and apply it freely to the furniture. It has nearly, if not quite the same effect that varnish has, and is much cheaper.

TO PRESERVE IRON CASTINGS.—The best treatment for a mare in foal is to give her moderate exercise daily, caring taken against overexertion.

It costs but very little per head to raise sheep. Not only will they pay for themselves but it is becoming commonly known that sheep restore fertility to land.

DOMESTIC.

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HUMOROUS.

THE PRISONER had such a solemn air about him that it was generally supposed that he was a person of some importance.

He was found at midnight lying in the middle of the street, and when they got him to the station he began to sing "John Brown's Body," and kept it up until they had to threaten to tie a boot leg over his mouth.

"Henry Dayton, you are charged with being plain drunk last night," began the Court.

"Yes, sir, I suppose so." "Forty-five years ago I was left an orphan, and I have since been a pauper."

"What has that to do with your being drunk last night?" "Left an orphan at the tender age of two years, I was placed in charge of an aunt," continued the prisoner.

"No doubt of it, but you must plead to this charge." The prisoner looked the audience over and compared his watch with the clock, and once more remarked:

"Placed in charge of my aunt at the tender age of two—Workhouse for thirty days," interrupted the Court, and the prisoner was taken away.

Well Endorsed by Our Citizens. No matter how useful anything may be, unless it is endorsed by our citizens, it is not worth the trouble of displaying it.

Why did you send me that almanac, Augustus? "Because," answered Augustus, "as he vainly strove to twist the few downy sprouts upon his upper lip into a curl, 'because, darling, I wished you to select a date for our—'he—'never—'

"Oh, I see," she said, then smiling a bewitching smile, she murmured, "Call it the first of April."

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The planting of whitefish spawns in the waters of the great lakes is going on under the direction of the Superintendent of the United States fish hatchery at Northville, Mich.

John Talcott, of Rome, N. Y., believes the best root for stock are the long orange carrot, the white, sweet German turnip, and potatoes.

A Sunday school teacher asked: "What bird is large enough to carry off a man?" "Nobody knew, but one little girl suggested 'a hawk.' And then she explained: 'Mamma said papa wouldn't be home till Monday, because he had gone out on a hawk.'

Parlor matches—courting in the front room. If you find yourself getting bluish, head heavy, nervous, and irritable, kidneys disordered, symptoms of biliousness toiling toward you, take at once a few doses of Kidney-Wort.

Complicated Diseases. A prominent gentleman in Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, writes us that he finds Kidney-Wort to be the best remedy he ever knew for a complication of diseases.

A German paper says that Professor Oberlin proposes the following ingenious and simple apparatus for theatres: Coria of hemp are stretched from left to right across the upper part of the entire space above the stage.

Vegetine. FROM THE REV. S. B. SWEETSER, PASTOR GRACE M. E. CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

Truith and Honor. Query:—What is the best family medicine in the world to regulate the bowels, cure flatulency, remove constiveness and biliousness, and digestion and tone up the whole system?

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Advertisement for Kidney-Wort, describing its benefits for kidney-related issues and providing contact information for the manufacturer.

Advertisement for Blatchley's Pump, highlighting its effectiveness for various ailments and including a list of agents and distributors.